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Committee deliberates schools' fate

by Kevin Khayat

Last summer, a committee of approximately 40 Shaker Heights residents was formed to research future possibilities for the use of Shaker's school buildings and to give a formal recommendation to the Board of Education.

The School Facilities Utilization Committee was established, "with no preconceived ideas as to direction or outcome," said Dr. George R. Kurtz, Director of Educational Support Services, acting as administrative liaison to the committee. The group's purpose is not to close schools, but it was given a few objectives: to maintain a strong educational program dedicated to excellence, improve the racial balance, and minimize community impact.

The issue of building utilization was first approached by the Citizens' Finance Committee two years ago, when those involved presented a series of recommendations to the Board of Education. The committee suggested the closing of two unnamed elementary schools and Byron Junior High School. This recommendation came just prior to last year's June 7 election for a proposed 8.8-mill operating levy, giving a tremendous boost to HALT, the group opposed to the passage of the levy. After the levy failed, the Utilization Committee was formed.

Frederick J. Snowden is the chairman of the committee, which was divided into five subcommittees: Alternative Uses, chaired by William R. Laubscher; Cost, chaired by Richard Kaplan; Enrollment, chaired by Robert Garda; Education, co-chaired by Margery Buxbaum and Curtis Jefferson; and Community Impact, chaired by Irwin Feldman. Once the Enrollment Subcommittee completed its research, it merged with the Alternative Uses Subcommittee, both coming under the leadership of Laubscher.

According to Kurtz, the committee reached a "pivotal point" last December when the subcommittees had completed much of their research. For instance, the Enrollment Subcommittee uncovered information that the current total student population is about 5300 and will fall to about 4200 in the next six years, just over half of the 1967 peak of 8200 students.

They also found that student population on the west side of Shaker is decreasing at a faster rate than the east; that there is a huge discrepancy in elementary class sizes, ranging from 11 students in one class to as much as 28 in another; and that almost every elementary school has unused space. The exceptions are Ludlow, because of its special programs, and Fernway, because of a recent renovation project which sacrificed three classrooms for the new library.

The 600 people attending the March meetings were divided into small groups and were surveyed. The May meetings will follow a similar format and further help the committee reach a final recommendation.

U.S. attempts to put a lid on marijuana sales go up in smoke

by Micah Green

Marijuana is obtained from the dried leaves and flowering tops of the pistallate hemp plant that yields cannabin and are sometimes smoked in cigarettes for their intoxicating effect. Although no one is certain just how far back the marijuana plant itself goes, there are on record some details of its description and use by a Chinese emperor and pharmacist as early as the year 2737 B.C. The ancient monograph left by emperor Shen-Neng describes the marijuana plant and how it was used for a surgical anesthetic, as well as for other ailments like dizziness, dyspepsia, and breathing difficulties. It is interesting to note, that even in those ancient times, there was radically-divided opinion about the drug. "Liberator of sin" is how some observers viewed it, while others referred to it as "Giver of delight."

Throughout this century, the alleged perils of marijuana have been hotly debated. Numerous studies on the physical and psychological effects of marijuana have produced a mountain of claims and counterclaims. The reports, pro and con, go back and forth like a scientific ping pong game, inconclusive and interminable. Marijuana has been accused of causing irreversible brain damage, impotency, chromosome damage, lung disease, and "Amotivational syndrome," which is characterized by disturbed awareness of self, apathy, confusion, unstable reality testing, memory defect, and time sense impairment. These allegations have been repeatedly refuted by studies which claim that marijuana causes no neurological damage, no chromosome disorders, no lack of motivation or awareness, and, in fact, increased sexual potency and improved lung function.

It was recently announced that marijuana has surpassed corn as the No. 1 "cash crop" in American agriculture. Although the Department of Agriculture does not monitor marijuana crop yields, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) does, and it puts the value of the 1983-84 hidden pot crop at $13.9 billion — a sum it calls conservative. Government figures for 1982, the latest year available, indicate that American farmers earned $13.4 billion for corn, and $12.4 billion for soy beans.

It is clear that the marijuana produced in the U.S. has increased substantially in recent years. The main reasons for the increase, according to Kevin Zeese of NORML, include the Reagan administration's crackdown on imported marijuana, the use of improved grades of domestic pot, and a trend towards home gardening, as law enforcement bears down on commercial dealers. Researchers are also developing more potent strains of the marijuana plant, using clone techniques, standard breeding approaches, and sophisticated indoor growing schemes.

About two dozen basic scientific books are now available as guides for marijuana growers — "the so-called green collar workers." Additionally, several magazines providing cultivation data and selling paraphenalia have recently been founded. One such journal, **Sinsemilla Tips,** an Oregon based magazine for growers, has a circulation of over 4,000.

The government wants to wipe out marijuana growing in this country entirely, according to an agricultural department spokesman.

Administrator Francis M. Mullen Jr. told a senate appropriations subcommittee that about 4 million plants were destroyed by law enforcement agencies last year.

Thus marijuana, an illegally-cultivated drug with as yet undetermined side-effects, is now the number one "cash crop" in the United States; its sales are constantly increasing as strains with greater resistance and potency are developed and illegally grown by farmers and homeowners.

Fire chief makes a blazing exit

by Brian Heller

Shaker Heights Fire Chief William Pickford is retiring, but he has contributed much during his 35 years with the city fire department.

He helped establish the paramedic program here, because when it came to emergency medical service, he wanted Shaker "to have the best." Ten years ago, after he became the chief, nine of his fire fighters volunteered to train at Brentwood Hospital and become certified paramedics. Before that, absolutely nothing was done for patients until they reached a hospital, but now two fully-trained experts are on duty at all times to give emergency aid. Pickford worked with doctors and councilmen to initiate the program in 1977.

Pickford has also saved the city a lot of money. He developed a large-diameter hose which was both economical and better for extinguishing large fires. In 1981, Shaker and Cleveland Heights began a joint dispatching program, saving the city $60,000 annually. The two cities automatically aid each other whenever alarms go off in certain hazardous locations. The retiring chief would like to see University Heights and Beachwood join the group to achieve a 75% savings on dispatch operations.

Pickford is most proud of the less-publicized events of his career, for example, extinguishing a fire in someone's attic without getting the second floor wet. He regards the big fire and emergencies he has handled as failures. He considers success to be prevention of fires.

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Poet Myra Cohn Livingston preaches the "pros" and cons of today's poetry

by Brent Silverman

On Friday, Apr. 27, reknowned poet Myra Cohn Livingston visited Shaker to conduct a workshop for students interested in advancing their creative writing abilities and awarenesses.

When summarizing the purpose of her seminars, she stated, "I encourage students to approach their own writing and sharing of poetry with attention to established tradition and craft where needed, but to seek innovative patterns and language where they seem essential." She did exactly this and more during her two-period discussion.

Mrs. Livingston published her first book, **Whispers and Other Poems,** at age 18 about her quiet and idyllic childhood while growing up in Nebraska. She is the poet-in-residence to Beverly Hills schools and an instructor at UCLA. She was the recipient of the 1980 National Council of Teachers of English Award of Excellence in Poetry for Children.

She stated that three types of imagination exist which are relevant to poetry. The first is the reproductive imagination in which we recall memories. The second is the autonomous imagination which is constituted of dreams, desires, and wishes. The last, of which Mrs. Livingston is a proponent, is creative imagination in which universal and not personal symbols are used.

During the latter part of the workshop students partook in a creative writing drill in which they first described something they saw journalistically and then wrote about the object. The poetry was shared, varied, and critiqued.

Responding to why she believes poetry is important, Mrs. Livingston stated, "Change, in all aspects of our lives can be terrifying, yet it can also be exciting and challenging. To recognize its significance in what we read and what we experience — and to accept it — is a giant first step. Poetry, because it is succinct, because it humanizes and because it carries within it the form and language of change is of vital importance."

Myra Cohn Livingston

Mayor Steve Alfred creates citizens' advisory committee

by Beth Mercer

A citizen's advisory group on minority participation and involvement in the community has been created by Shaker Heights Mayor Stephen Alfred.

The group is made up of a "core" of twenty to thirty Shaker residents, divided into three subcommittees aimed at increasing minority involvement in purchasing and contracting, relations of city employees with youth, and living and promotion. The citizens' group holds monthly meetings, which began last February.

One of the key questions addressed by the group is, "How can we better represent blacks in (city) employment?" Mayor Alfred would like to see more minority employees in managerial positions, as there are currently only three blacks with city managerial jobs, although 22%, or 74 out of 536, of the city employees are black.

The Urban League of Cleveland will help the advisory group by recruiting minority applicants for city jobs as they become available. The Urban League has also created a task force for increasing the hiring of minorities in safety forces throughout Cuyahoga county.

In order to be hired by a safety force (police or fire department), applicants must take a civil service exam and score well. Only top scorers can be chosen for city positions.

This spring, the Urban League will have a workshop to teach minorities how to take the test, and the advisory group plans to notify minority professional and social groups of the exam.

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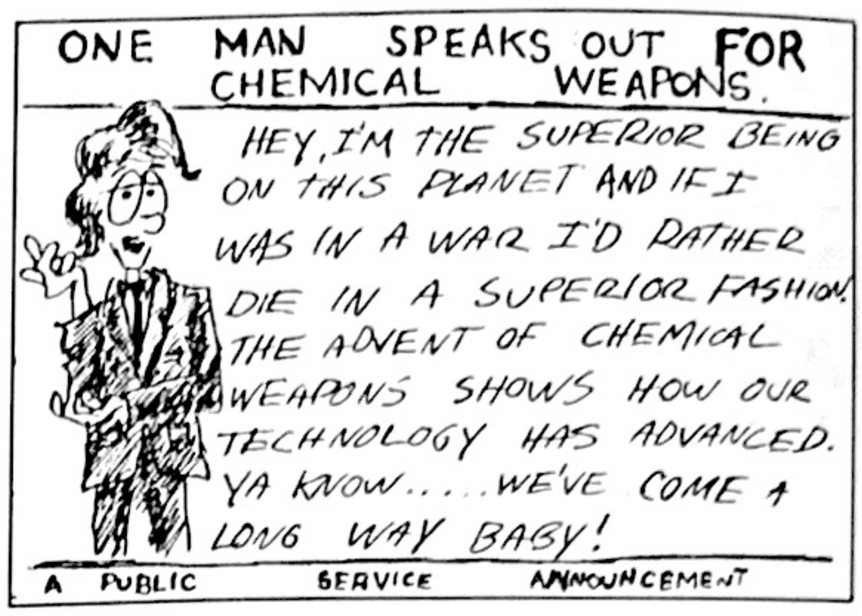
Biological weapons are not needed

- An editorial -

One who advocates the use and production of chemical weapons for war purposes may quote that ancient cliche "all's fair in love and war" as a rationalization for his position. However, this is definitely one area of war that a soldier cannot and should not have to be prepared to combat. The person who condones such actions must realize that today's chemical weapons are more potent than the blister-causing mustard gases of World War I. Contemporary chemical agents are lethal and may go unnoticed to the average soldier because these weapons may be odorless, colorless, and tasteless.

In spite of the detrimental effects, some persons see the chemicals as either no worse than other weapons or a necessary evil. They would argue that all weapons cause death and that biological arms are safer than nuclear arms. Although this observation is correct, the deceptive nature of the odorless weapon and the possibility for a genocide effect are significantly ominous. As a result, there is a certain degree of commitment among the nations of the world to support a total abolition of chemical weapons unlike the other weapons. For instance, after having realized the devastating effects of chemical agents following the first world war, no nation used them for war purposes during the second because of the 1925 Geneva Protocol. Also, the United Nations General Assembly ratified a biological weapons ban in 1971. Unfortunately, these efforts must be effectively strengthened because Iraq has been using chemical weapons against Iran and the Soviets against Afghanistan. Moreover, the critics of a chemical ban would justify American usage of the gases because of the fear of Soviet germ aggression in Western Europe. However, as the **Progressive** expresses: "proposals to deploy new offensive chemical weapons in Europe would provoke a strong public reaction among European public opinion."

We should check this problem in its infancy. Or else the chemical agents could shift the balance of power in the Middle East because the acquisition of chemical weapons by a hostile Arab nation could compromise the security of Israel. Similarly, the super powers must take heed as the increasing proliferation of chemical weapons and state-sponsored terrorism could prove to be a deadly combination. For these reasons, President Reagan must abandon his plans to resume production of nerve gases and adhere to the Nixon tradition of zero production regardless of what the Soviets do. Such actions would end proliferation as well as signal the world community that the United States is committed to banning biological weapons.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A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Win Jesse Win

by Darleen Pope

Rev. Jackson has become the most outspoken advocate for the "locked out and forgotten." He has campaigned for the needs of all people, elevating their concerns to the mainstream of American politics. Thus, Rev. Jesse Jackson is unquestionably the leader America needs; he knows the people and issues that will shape America's destiny.

A ten-year old Black Clevelander aided Rev. Jackson in his decision to run for president. The boy approached Rev. Jackson with this question, "Can a Black man be President of the United States?" The misconception the boy received is an example of false perceptions Rev. Jackson wishes to erase from American minds as a presidential candidate. One of his goals is to help all people realize they are "SOMEBODY" and their vote counts. Rev. Jackson also desires for the people to come together and work together and use their power as American citizens.

Rev. Jackson's goals are not easy to accomplish for many obstacles stand in his way. For example, the incident with **Washington Post** reporter Milton Coleman and Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan has been a stumbling block for Rev. Jackson. Many people felt Jackson should not allow Farrakhan to support him because he threatened Coleman's life. The media blew this incident out of proportion for Farrakhan's threat was not a physical one, but one which meant banishment from the Black community. Coleman betrayed the Black people by publishing a story that has hurt Jackson's presidential campaign. Thus, in the eyes of the Black community, Coleman is dead. Unfortunately the media has drawn the public's attention to incidents such as this one, rather than to what Rev. Jackson stands for as a presidential candidate.

Through Rev. Jackson's campaign people have become aware of new ideas and issues. Rev. Jackson's campaign also strives for a peaceful world and society. However, he needs support from the people to win the presidential race. Therefore, we should encourage *Jesse not only to "RUN JESSE RUN" but also to "WIN* JESSE WIN."

U.S. Central American policy is failing

by Rob Weissman

"This is an act violating international law. It is an act of war . . . " This is how ultra-conservative Senator Barry Goldwater described the U.S.'s mining of Nicaraguan ports.

With the recent publicizing of this atrocious action, some public attention has been focused on U.S. Central American policy. We have, in effect, been at war (through proxies) in Central America for the last three years under the Reagan administration.

No one, however, has seemed to care. We have transformed ***Honduras into a fortress, have sent supplies to one of the world's worst dictatorships in Guatemala, have rallied around the leadership of right-wing death squad leaders in El Salvador,*** and have supported contras (armies of members of the old Nicaraguan regime) against the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

Our actions have been unethical, immoral, illegal, counterproductive, and have pushed us to the brink of direct U.S. troop involvement in Central America. Still, when attention is finally called to the issue, more uproar is raised over Congressional protocol than the dangerous policies we are following.

Probably the least significant negative aspect of our actions in Central America has been their immoral and unethical nature. For a country that proclaims itself the moral leader of the world, it is rather hypocritical to stand behind some of the worst human rights abusers in the world in the name of human rights, to supply arms to the leaders of death squads, and to mine harbors in an attempt to devastate civilian populations.

Whereas Reagan can justify immorality with the catch-all **rationalization of stopping communism, the matter of illegality is a little more ticklish.** The blatant violation of U.S. law in the C.I.A.'s "covert" support of Nicaraguan contras is surpassed only by the even more blatant violation of international law in the C.I.A.'s mining of Nicaraguan harbors. The U.S.'s decision to ignore the World Court's verdict on the issue, before it has even been made, only compounds our fault. Still, Reagan would say that we must do everything in our power to stop communism, even if what we do is illegal.

Finally, we reach a line of analysis with which Reagan should be concerned: U.S. Central American policy is failing. It succeeds in achieving the opposite of its intent. By supporting the far right, it polarizes moderates and radicals to positions further to the left. The policy that pushed Nicaragua to the U.S.S.R. is now repeating itself in El Salvador.

The last possible impact of U.S. Central American policy is the most frightening. The more the U.S. raises the stakes in Central America, the greater the likelihood American troops will be deployed in a Vietnam-type war. This danger makes it imperative that debate goes beyond Congressional protocol and extends into actual policy making.

Black achievement at Shaker

A letter to the editor

We are apart, alone and alienated from the white life at Shaker Heights High School, and the black life. It is not that we are one-half white and one-half black. It is because we are a rare phenomenon: black students who are willing to maintain our identities and vie for academic advancement. We never wanted to get out of Shaker. If anything, we wanted to get in. We want to know what force, what evil power has seeped into the minds of whites, blacks, and teachers? What undaunted overcast of gloom has retarded the progress of black students?

We know that Jim Crow does not exist at Shaker, but his life-seeking shadow is in our midst. For example, blacks are not required to take level two and three classes, but overwhelmingly, blacks students find themselves in these classes. Is it a counseling system that does not usually discuss racism in the school, segregation in the leveling system (at Shaker), or the apparent apathy of some teachers in the classrooms, but rather what period a student will have lunch? The schedule often seems more important to the counselors than the self. It is quite possible that droves of black students are waiting to release the tensions of being black and offer an explanation for their lack of academic achievement and interest at Shaker.

However, the bulk of the black student body remains silent. Shaker's administration remains silent, too. No one offers any real explanation. Honor keys are determined mathematically and objectively. That's true, but the individual grades are not so objective. How many times has a white student received an A grade, and a black student received a B grade, when they both deserved A's? We do not know, but in the senior class fifteen black students out of a student body of four-hundred and eighty-eight received honor keys or certificates. Fifteen blacks in the senior class have above a 3.0 grade point average.

by Gloria Rose and Candace Giddings

U.S. takes capitalism to China

by Beth Mercer

The uneasy friendship between communist China and the capitalist West may finally be on the road to improvement. Ronald Reagan traveled to China at the end of April, returning Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Zizang's visit to Washington last January, and symbolizing new ties between the two countries.

Although Reagan stressed the Soviet military threat in talks with Chinese leaders, it is actually economic ties that will most improve Sino/American relations. Despite profound political differences, increased trade is mutually beneficial. The United States can help China develop in the areas of agriculture and technology, which combined with China's one billion gifted people, and vast natural resources could produce an "economic giant."

Yet, to become an "economic giant" in this century, China must work around its politics of Marxism and Leninism. Deng Xiaoping, the untitled Chinese leader, is carrying on a quiet economic revolution, forming a "New China", based on results instead of ideology. He has enlivened the Chinese economy by instituting the "Responsibility System," where workers are rewarded for their company's profits and punished by their losses, rather than relying on fixed wages and guaranteed jobs. He has also created special "economic zones" in China to lure foreign investment, and he has eased controls in collectivized agriculture, creating bumper harvests.

Even if China can overcome its internal economic problems, there are other barriers to a Sino/American economic relationship. China is not happy about the American nuclear proliferation, nor of America's policy with Taiwan, although a 1982 bilateral communique did recognize mainland China as the "one real China."

One hopes Reagan will manage to overcome political and ideological differences between "the world's most prosperous country and the world's most populous" and be able to work together to establish cultural and economic ties. An economic stranger, China is the first step to a military stronger China, which would only help both countries achieve a common objective of containing the U.S.S.R.

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DAVE'S DISC

by Dave Richman

Even the most creative of us get bored sometimes. And when we do, it's time for a change. Take the VERY creative band Rush. They started out in 1974 with a long-haired, scruffy look and a heavy sound revolving around their trio format of guitar, bass, and drums. Ten years and twelve albums later, those Canadian boys are like a totally different group. They got bored with that old way of being and changed their look and sound gradually, but drastically.

Their new album **Grace Under Pressure** is what you'd classify as "electric." Now, every song includes Geddy Lee's extensive use of synthesizers, and many of the tracks on **Grace Under Pressure** have a strong reggae influence. "The Enemy Within," and "Between the Wheels" could be called progressive reggae.

Another change is from the guitar-heavy sound of the past to the sparce, electronic sound of now. "Distant Early Warning," and the rocker "Kid Gloves" are the only tunes here with guitar solos from one time axe-grinder Alex Lifeson. Oh well. At least he looks good on the album jacket.

Also included in the package is a lyric sheet, written by Neil Peart, who sounds like he's taking his poetry and novel writing more seriously than ever, judging by these words.

All three of the members of Rush were probably a little weary of their routines so they cheered. A lot. Some like it. Some don't like it. Some don't care. Decide for yourself what you think.

Senior wins national award

by Kevin Khayat

Although senior Monica Owen lost the rights to her photograph entitled "Carran," she is still pleased to have won a national award for it in the 1984 Scholastic Photographic Awards Program.

The portrait, which Monica confessed to be "one of my favorites," is of a three-year-old girl whom she babysits. She entered four pictures in all, winning two keys and two finalist positions. The two finalist entries were sent to New York to be judged by both Hallmark and Kodak judges. "Carran" was then nominated for a National Award, which it later won. The picture was also entered in the Ohio State University Student Union Exhibit, along with another photograph, "Angela," of Monica's seven-year-old sister.

Monica has always been interested in the fine arts, including music, painting, and dance. She played in the band until last year and continues to take piano lessons. She also danced in last winter's dance program. She stopped taking art classes in tenth grade, but then began her first of four semesters of photography at the Cleveland Institute of Art.

During this time, Monica began what looks like a promising career in the field of photography. She worked with the **Gristmill** and earlier this year was Photography Editor of **The Shakerite.** She is also doing work for James Thornton and the Acting Ensemble. She develops her pictures in her own darkroom.

Monica is presently working as an apprentice to a fashion illustrator in Beachwood. She sews, illustrates, and does photography work, among other things. She enjoys her job and is considering a similar career after she graduates from the Institute of Art.

At the Institute, she plans to study a wide variety of art so she can "find something else that I'm good at." She found photography "right around the corner," but she says she never looked for it, but that it found her. "Some people will tell me I have a good eye, but it's really what you see inside that makes a picture good."

She advises others "that you shouldn't limit yourself to what's inside school. Search out your own interests whatever they may be." She also hints to beginning photographers that "the most expensive equipment is not necessarily the best."

Monica captures younger sister in black and white

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Chess team experiences Philadelphia tournament

by Curtis Degenfelder

The Shaker High Chess team recently completed the highlight of their season by going to the National Scholastic Championships held in Philadelphia. There were two sections, with Shaker having a team in each. Competing in the championship section were Ori Hampel, Curtis Degenfelder, Jason Khayat, and Micah Green. The novice team consisted of Dave Strasburg, Lance Mason, Alan Moore and Ted Dean.

The teams' first, and perhaps greatest, obstacle was the long, arduous bus ride to Philadelphia. They had to overcome many problems such as terrible bus stop food and bothersome passengers, but managed to survive with a little help from the sandwiches which Dean's mother had packed. The team was delighted when they arrived at the hotel and found that they were able to get six rooms for the price of two. After a nice rest the first night, the team members had some time and took advantage of it by touring the city of Philadelphia. Various players visited City Hall, the Liberty Bell, the submarine and war ship in the Philly harbor, and South Street, an area much like a large version of Coventry Road.

That night the serious business began with the first round. Both teams seemed to have the jitters; the inexperienced lower team lost and the upper team lost to the team that eventually finished second despite the fact that it could have very easily been drawn. However, both teams picked up the pace as the tournament progressed and ended up with good finishes. One of the highlights for the upper team was scoring points against Vaux, a traditional Philadelphia powerhouse. Winning against them was especially pleasurable since there were many people watching the match. Although the team did not do as well in the later rounds because of fatigue, the strong start solidified the sterling result.

There were several praiseworthy individual efforts. Alan Moore, playing fourth board in the lower section, won six out of seven games. In the second board in the championship section, Curtis Degenfelder, won three games in a row against extremely tough competition. And most notably, Ori Hampel won first place on first board in the championship section. He took the highest award possible by not losing a single game. For his efforts Ori received a large trophy and a chess clock.

One aspect of the trip that may surprise the casual observer was that the team had a lot of fun while playing good chess. Although they undoubtedly contributed in the teams' fatigue in the later round, the late night goof-off sessions were enjoyed by everybody. Since there were no adults on the trip, the team members were able to pull many pranks on each other like moving around the TV's, putting ice in the beds, hiding belongings in the closet, and throwing water on one of the younger members of the team at 3:30 A.M. However, it was not all fun and games since the team acquired confidence and experience that will be very helpful when the league playoffs come near the end of the school year. The members found that they could play in the company of other teams whose members wore shirts saying "Gorilla Grod" or who took turns wearing certain clothes. The experience can be summed up in the words of Degenfelder, who said "We came, we saw, we conquered."

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Pinkney participates in national politics

by Herman Graham

In order to initiate a successful campaign for the presidency of the United States, one must acquire an experienced and effective administrtor to head his election staff. The Rev. Jesse Jackson found such a man in Arnold Pinkney, who is a Shaker resident and has participated in many Ohio campaigns.

Mrs. Betty Pinkney found little surprise in Jackson's appointment of her husband as his national campaign manager because of her husband's participation in Ohio politics. Mr. Pinkney started his career in politics by serving on Cleveland campaign staffs in the 1960's, such as Carl Stokes' election committee for mayor in 1968. In addition, Pinkney was responsible for minority affairs for Richard Celeste in his earlier quest for the governorship. Similarly, Pinkney received experience in national politics when he was deputy coordinator of minority affairs for Hubert Humphrey in the 1968 presidential race. Not only has Pinkney run campaigns for other candidates, but also he has sought political offices himself. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Cleveland in 1971 and 1975, and he was a member of the Cleveland School Board for eleven years. Rev. Jackson campaigned for Pinkney when he ran for mayor in 1971 as President of Operation Bread Basket; the two men had a personal relationship prior to Pinkney being named campaign manager for Jackson.

Because of Arnold Pinkney's current responsibilities, he has had to take a leave of absence from his job at an insurance agency on Fairhill. *In addition, his schedule doesn't permit him to be with his family frequently. For example, Mrs. Pinkney sees her husband once every three weeks now that the primaries are coming to a close.* However, political life is nothing new to the Pinkneys because of their earlier experiences. As a result, they have learned to accommodate to Mr. Pinkney's busy schedule by having late dinners and conducting most of the family activities on the weekends when he is home. Fortunately, however, Mr. Pinkney receives important moral support from his wife and daughter, Tracy, who is fifteen. Mrs. Pinkney feels that her husband's absence is justified as Jackson's campaign is "(an) important time in history." In essence, working toward Jackson's election has become a family activity. For example, Mrs. Pinkney has managed fund raisers for the election committee throughout the State of Ohio. Also, she has been instrumental in organizing the Jackson rally at Pentecostal Church of Christ (on Mar. 17) which was sponsored by the Minister's Committee. Furthermore, coordinating the phone banks in charge of surveying voters at the Cleveland election headquarters has required most *of Mrs. Pinkney's time recently. Similarly, Tracy has participated in the Jackson campaign by distributing literature and contacting voters as well as selling tickets for rallies.*

Mrs. Pinkney has had the opportunity to visit her husband on the campaign trail. She had visited him in Washington and Atlanta prior to the Georgia primary.

In analyzing Jackson's character, she observes that he is just as gregarious and dynamic on a personal basis as he is in public. In addition, she describes him as a person who is an excellent listener and an intelligent man. In Mrs. Pinkney's eyes, Jackson has distinguished himself as the candidate who represents the minorities of America as well as the many peoples who have been forgotten by society. Furthermore, she feels Jackson's eloquence and ability to clarify issues is an essential asset which he has as a presidential hopeful.

New 60's movie deals with universal problems

by Jim Hart and David Von Pless

A new motion picture is now showing at local theatres. The film **Purple Haze** is the brainchild of the director David Morris, who raised the funds needed to complete the picture. It is a reflection of his own experiences during the turbulent late sixties and early seventies. Morris has stuck his thumb into the American pie and pulled out a golden apple.

While the film may conjure the image of Jimi Hendrix psychedelia, it transcends this stereotype to offer a realistic insight into the problems of growing up in the '60's. The film is set in the summer of '68, when the war at home was in its embryonic stage. The film deals with two characters, Peter and Jeff. Peter has been kicked out of Princeton for smoking pot, and Jeff is the victim of a broken home and a plethora of psychiatric neuroses. Together, they find life.

While the film is set in 1968, it concerns itself with more than just that year. Morris, at a press conference at CWRU, explained that his motives were to create a film that would give kids of our generation a realistic view of the '60s, yet still portray the universal themes of the problems of early adulthood and the conflict between the desire to be one's self and yet satisfy the world's expectations. At one point in the picture Jeff exclaims to his younger sister, who wants to run away with him, that he has enough trouble taking care of himself without having to worry about her. This scene accurately illustrates a central theme in the movie.

No movie would be complete without the music of the time. The soundtrack includes, of course, many Hendrix tunes as well as numerous songs not heard on commercial radio today but which were still a part of the period. The themes of the songs correspond to the plot of the movie with amazing accuracy. Morris said that he chose the specific songs because they were important to him.

Purple Haze is Morris' third feature film and it was produced independently on a shoestring budget. The film has since been bought by Columbia Pictures and is being distributed by them. After ten years in the film industry, Morris' career is crystallizing. Two other films with Columbia are planned. This current film mirrors his own experiences where in the film, as in his life, the long haired and denim-clad Peter is spit upon, beat up and thrown out of the house. The movie offers a parallel to all youth who broke with their parents in the sixties. There is no immediate reconciliation for the fractured family at the end of the movie. Morris notes that it took his parents ten years to accept him as he is. This film is recommended for the curious.

Senior Slump strikes Shaker!

by David Bartram and Susan Warshay

The symptoms: droopy, glossy eyes, lethargic walk, overactive voice box, inability to concentrate, a contented depression, decreased rate of cerebral functions.

The results: overused telephone lines (especially around midnight), increased gasoline cor umption, decreased demand for writing utensils and paper, books assume the function of pillows, unprecedented heights in teacher's blood pressure.

The disease: SENIOR SLUMP!

Statistics show that approximately 477 out of 478 Shaker students, all seniors, are affected with this incurable affliction. Rehabilitation efforts are being made, of course, but most victims doggedly resist treatment. Doctors fear that this disease may be contagious, as several underclassmen have displayed the symptoms as well. However, these are but a small minority of the cases reported, for it is the seniors who truly suffer from this terrible tragedy, which they are forced to endure, until, alas, they are no longer seniors.

Why does this dreaded disaster strike so many people? Not because school is not interesting. Not because school is not compelling. Not even because notetaking is not fun. No, this perilous plague is so common for a reason that can be summed up by the words that emerge from the lips of many victims: "It just doesn't matter."

Several students (who wish to remain anonymous) shared with us their views on Senior Slump. "I think that Senior Slump doesn't get enough respect. Teachers really should adjust workloads to accommodate the victims, and administrators should recognize it for the terrible disease that it is," said one formerly conscientious student. Said another, "I never thought it could happen to me." One senior was too spaced out to answer.

Even a teacher admits that "We're all so spaced out anyway." Another teacher stated, "My good word! When things like this happen to a sizeable number of Shaker scholars, I just don't know what to make of it!" Yet another teacher commented, "Aaaahh, I don't know. I really think this is all due to, aaaahh, low blood sugar rates. If they'd start eating more Hough cookies, jelly, and licking their lollipops, I think all the seniors could be cured, ya know?" Cured? Unfortunately not.

Have pity for Senior Slump victims. Someday this disease may strike YOU!

Artists receive awards

by Larry Goodman

The past two months have been a period devoted to the arts and youth throughout the state of Ohio. Many of the aspiring art students from Shaker took part in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition and have received honor and recognition for their work.

On Apr. 15 in Columbus, the exhibition was opened with an awards ceremony. At this ceremony, awards were given to six Shaker artists. Four of the six winners from Shaker were awarded medallions for having their art work judged among the top 25 entries. The six students are Edie Myhre, Holly Weiner, Debbie Beckles, Lisa Hale, James Moss, and Vanessa Roberts.

The exhibition, which will run through May 18 at the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus, consists of 275 works of art that were selected after judging from some 9000 entries from all 800 high schools that offer art as a course. As Mr. Frank Rood said in a letter informing the **Shakerite** of these students awards, "Shaker has done the best yet this year."

Along with the exhibition being sponsored by the governor and the executive branch, the month of March was officially proclaimed as "Youth Arts Month" by Governor Richard F. Celeste. Governor Celeste, realizing the importance of all the arts including creative writing, dance, dramatics, music, and visual arts, made this proclamation to "encourage all young people to continue their studies and interests and urge all parents to increase their support and patronage for quality comprehensive programs throughout the state."

Congratulations to the six Shaker students whose artwork is part of the Ohio Governor's Art Exhibition and to the governor for realizing the importance of a well-rounded education which includes the pursuance of the arts.

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Shaker students won governor's art awards.

College news is in

by Beth Braeman and Gloria Rose

The week of Apr. 9 was the only week of the year when thin was not in. That's because thin was an envelope containing a rejection. For the senior class the waiting is finally over. We think we preferred the waiting. Some seniors had high hopes that because of Shaker's excellent reputation they would get into colleges of their choice. Instead by the end of the week, people had learned to ask, "Where were you rejected?" and "waiting list" became a dirty work.

Rejection from college hurts all the more because you cannot call up Yale and ask them to change their minds. There was also the strong belief that the early decision acceptees had formed a conspiracy and taken our rightful places because many people did not get into their first choice schools.

The most taxing part about the process is the wait. For three long months you agonize about the potential decision of the infamous "board of admission." You imagine calling your friends and saying, "I'm not sure if I want to go to Yale, or Princeton, or Stanford. It's such a hard choice . . . You know they all offered me a full scholarship with a four year supply of beer . . . " So on Apr. 15, you run to your mailbox to receive your acceptances. There are three thin letters and you already know. But maybe it's a mistake; of course, they sent the wrong letter. You rip open the envelope trying to remain hopeful. After all, the books say that a thin envelope doesn't necessarily mean rejection. They all say: "After careful reviewing of your application, we are sorry to tell you that we shall not be able to offer you a place in our school . . . The competition was keen . . . Please don't feel that the decision is a rejection of you . . . Thank you for your interest in our school. We wish you continued success in your studies this year."

They rejected you. No, they really didn't. They don't even know you. They just skimmed over eight sheets, looked at your picture and said no; this kid will probably do better at Tsucagllooga State. It must have been all the early decision candidates. It was a conspiracy, and they took all the places reserved for Shaker. Anyway, however it happened, there were a lot of rejections.

Everyone now is going to the school of their fourth choice. Something was seriously wrong in the admissions offices at the Ivy League colleges in 1984 — or maybe they had decided that Shaker Heights has for too long had its share. We just wish they had decided that in a different year. Who got rejected where was the topic of conversation that week. But now most seniors have either enrolled or are on hold waiting out the waiting lists. Anyway, at least now we can begin senior slump for real since we've heard from colleges. Just one last bit of advice for you soon-to-be seniors out there: apply early decision or maybe consider moving to a rural area so you can benefit from a college's decision to balance its class. The privilege of a Shaker Heights education is no guarantee of admission to the college of your choice.

Government Intern students run city

by Susan Warshay

On May 1, a group of approximately 30 Shaker seniors broke away from their everyday academic routines and transformed themselves into Shaker Heights school and city officials. They were all participating in Shaker's annual Government Intern Day, during which students take over and run the city.

The day began at 8:30 A.M. at City Hall where all the Government Intern students met in the council chambers for general instructions. Then, a meeting took place in the mayor's office for the Directors of Finance (Bob Frey), Law (Lynne Mersfelder), Service, Police (Linda Pearlman), Fire (Jason Bromberg), Planning (Anna Loney), Health (Dave Richman), and Community Service and their counterparts. At the same time, the students holding the positions of council members met to prepare legislation, and those students involved with the afternoon court case met in the Law Department. All other students met with their respective officials.

Between 10:15 and 11:45, all students met in the council chambers for the council meeting. Mayor Beth Braeman presided at the meeting with council members Susan Warshay (Vice-Mayor), Regina Hubbert, Lynnelle Harpst, Monica Owen, and Laura Whay at her sides. At the meeting, the council members proposed various ordinances, including one to declare Shaker Heights a nuclear-free zone, one to support the library levy, and one to support the redecoration of the mayor's office and the reorganization of City Hall.

The morning's hard work was well rewarded at noon as the Government Intern participants, both students and officials, enjoyed a hearty lunch, provided by Corky and Lenny's, in the High School Social Room.

Following lunch, a trial was held at the Shaker Heights Municipal Court. Involved in the trial were Defense Attorneys Mike Wyman and Kaywin Feldman, Prosecutors Jimmy Hexter and Lynne Sykora, Investigator Priscilla Perotti, Judge Jennifer Halloran, Clerk of Court Kathy Rogat, Bailiff Sharon Lettofsky, and Chief Counsel Eric Hanson.

The two junior high schools and the senior high school were also student-run throughout the day. Sarah Ginsberg replaced Al Zimmerman as principal, and Betsy Raffel, Marcy Abramson, and William Abshaw took over the jobs of Assistant Principals Richard Vlah, Jim Hayes, and June Antoine, respectively. Stephanie Segall replaced Associate Principal Bob Mohney, and Kim Sims and Ab Ingram worked as Woodbury and Byron Junior High principals.

Other students who participated in the program were Alan Weiss, who took the job of Deputy Chief of Police; Sara Creed, who acted as Building Commissioner; and Steve Gale, who served as the Assistant Director of Recreation.

Government Intern students pose for the camera.

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"Ethan-Alan" wins again at nationals

by Jason Bromberg

Ethan Foxman and Alan Weiss placed third in the National Bridge Building Contest in New York City. They had previously placed second in the state, qualifying them for the national contest.

The competition was held at Brookhaven National Laboratories. Each competitor brought a small balsa wood bridge that had been previously built and that was designed to hold the most weight possible. The bridges were tested by a piston machine that slowly added weight until the bridge was crushed. The poundage was indicated on an LED readout. Ethan and Alan's bridge weighed less than 40 grams and held 179 pounds.

The two Shaker seniors went to New York two days ahead of the Apr. 13 contest to go sightseeing. There was a reception the night before the contest for its participants and a tour of the laboratories the next morning. The trip was paid for by physics foundations in Greater Cleveland. Ethan and Alan say that Mr. John Schutter and Miss Donna Berry helped to raise money.

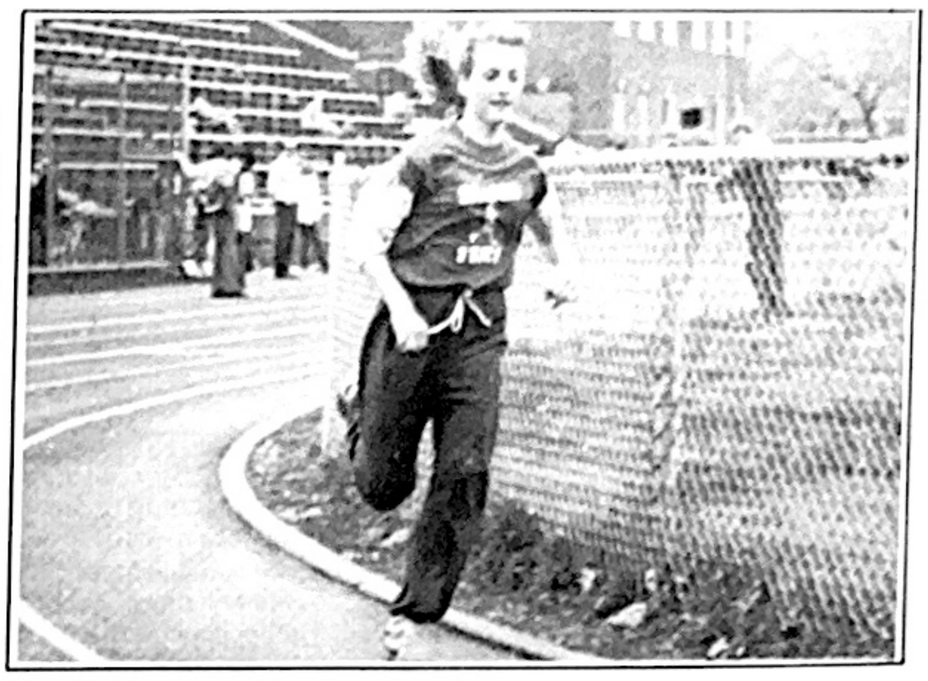
There were twenty-six competitors in the contest, two from each of thirteen states. Fifteen were in New York; the rest mailed bridges from home. Alan says that their third place finish was due to their bridge's unique design. Their bridge had two arcs, one going up and one going down, to support the bridge in both contraction and suspension. By placing third in the nation, Ethan and Alan won several prizes, including a home computer.

Girls' track speeds to victory

by Beth Braeman

With three consecutive wins in the first three dual meets of the season, the women's track team is off to a strong start. Shaker began the season with significant wins over Shaw, Normandy, and Parma. Coach Henry Woodard believes that this is the strongest team Shaker has had in many years. For not only does the team have exceptional front runners in almost all events, but there is also a depth to the team which has been lacking in previous years. With quite a few seniors returning, women's track has the experience and the talent necessary to be the best in the Lake Erie League. The seniors on the team this year are Robin Dommel, Lisa Hale, Priscilla Perotti, Pam Williams, Julie Snipes, Candace Giddings, Alison Beard, Beth Braeman, Tracey King, Amira Loney, Lorna Wisham, and Lisa Mason.

At the combined meet at East Lake North on Saturday Apr. 21, Shaker placed third overall out of 18 teams who participated in the meet. Robin Dommel set a record in the 800 meter run and Priscilla Perotti ran the mile in 5:39. Not only is Shaker's track team exceptional in the L.E.L. but statewide as well. Thus far in the season, Shaker has had people ranked in five events in the state. Out of all the girls in the state, Robin Dommel is fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:26.0. Our 400 meter relay team places third with a time of 50.6. Our 800 meter relay team is ranked sixth with a time of 1:48.0. Our 3,200 meter relay team is fourth in the state with a time of 9:57.7. Tracey King is ninth in the state with a shot put throw of 36-8½. Last year the team was not getting times such as these until the end of May. Since there is still a lot of time left in the season, the team has a very good shot at becoming number 1 in the L.E.L. Other members of the track team who contribute to the overall talent are Virita Dickerson, Diane Fritz, Paige Beckette, Shelley Hart, Veeda Johnson, Cheryl Mackey, Courtney McClain, Carla McMillan, Barb Nolan, Michele Odom, Paula Patton, Belinda Pickston, Carol Rudin, Darcey Smith, Diana Taylor, Kim Eskridge, and Rhonda Mathews.



Varsity swings into season

by Kevin Khayat

During the first three weeks of the season, the varsity baseball team has maintained an overall 6-3-1 record, undefeated in the Lake Erie League and earned the last of nine seeds in the state sectional tournament.

After a 1-2 trip to Dayton, the Red Raiders opened their official season with a 3-1 victory at Cleveland Heights. The following afternoon brought their third loss overall to Chanel at home, with a score of 7-4. Playing for the third straight day, the Raiders tormented the Cardinals of Shaw, 9-1.

A Saturday morning doubleheader against Bedford on Apr. 14 was cancelled because of rain, but the fields were dry enough Monday for the team to squeeze out a victory against Lakewood at home. A two-run deadlock was broken in the bottom half of the seventh inning as senior Tom Boylen hit in the winning run, helping him earn a spot on the **Plain Dealer** Dream Team.

A league game against Normandy later that week was postponed because of wet grounds, but the team played a strong Benedictine team the next day, tying 3-3. A morning game on Good Friday, the Normandy make-up, was again postponed, but a scheduled home game against Collinwood that afternoon was played. Shaker handed them an easy loss, 8-3.

Four days of rain forced two more league games, against Parma and Valley Forge, to be postponed, and a non-league contest against Eastlake North to be cancelled. The Parma game was played Apr. 26 at Parma, and proved to be a close game. Shaker won 6-4, their fourth straight L.E.L. victory.

Head Coach Dennis Hogue is pleased with the excellent pitching, a major factor in the team's success. Seniors Rob Mears, Boylen, and Tom Spilman, juniors Jack Strauch and Todd Keitlen, and sophomore Dave Norris have combined to form one of the league's better staffs. Solid hitting has offered much support, namely from Boylen, Ab Igram, and Strauch, who hit his third home run against Parma.

Gridiron girls get rough and tough during powder puff

by Brent Silverman and Dan Cowan

Spring has arrived in one hurry of a flurry. Unfortunately they have been mostly flurries of rain. Now that the sun has peaked, spring football practice is being conducted on Shaker's front lawn. The coaches are a lot younger and the players practice without equipment or uniforms in a manner which is reminiscent of a page of U.S.F.L. nostalgia book. Practice for this year's annual girls' powder puff football game has begun.

Powder puff was created by student council years ago and remains a much anxiously-awaited event each school year. The game will be played sometime this week. The actual game *places senior and junior girls face to face* on the gridiron in a brutal battle for football supremacy and class pride.

The rules are basically the same as traditional football. Some rule changes have been instituted to make the game proceed in an organized and enjoyable fashion. There will be between eight and eleven players per team on field of play at one time. A flag football style will be used concerning the tackling of players wherein a flag must be removed from the player's hip. The game rules will be subject to further amendment in the program analysis among players, coaches, and other officials.

As usual the senior team has played the traditional role of the cocky, experienced intimidators. At the deadline of this article, the seniors have yet to organize their forces in preparing for the tremendous struggle which lies ahead for them. Although they have yet to practice, one undisclosed source claims that, "our wealth of talent will lead us to a decisive victory." The senior team is coached by Butch Byers and *Derek Burgess*.

The junior team feels that they will give the seniors the jolt of their powder puff careers on game day. After a few practices the coaches and players feel that they have a tough and ready outfit. In a prepared statement to the press, junior coaches Dan Cowan and Bruce Gardner stated, "We are placing the wealth of our entire estates on the outcome of this much-heralded event. We feel victory is certain."

Hackey sac encourages coordination

by Darrin Thornton

Shaker's Hackey Sac Club is enjoyed by many students. The president of this organization is Drew Landers. The positions of vice-president and sergeant-at-arms are held by Vince Cobb and John Miller. Teacher advisor Mr. Hoskins has a club containing 30 members who play in any open space available to them. Hackey Sac is played by having numerous people form a circle. Without using their arms, a leather beanbag (the size of a golf ball) is volleyed among the participants. When each player in the circle has touched the sac without letting it fall, a hackey sac has been performed. President Landers put the object of the game into perspective by stating "the idea of hackey sac is to become one with the circle and sac for prime mental growth." He further explained, "the circle creates an aura of unity among the participants to concentrate on the sac. The sport is totally relaxing recreation and helps build coordination."

If you are interested in being in the Hackey Sac Club, any of the above mentioned organizers would be glad to give further explanations or details about this new exciting activity.

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Tennis team wins

by Chris Valerian

The winning tradition of Shaker tennis will be upheld by this year's highly competitive and experienced squad. The current Red Raider team has expectations of winning the Lake Erie League championship as well as sending a few players to the state tournament. This team is very eager to regain the L E L crown, after being dethroned last year by rival Cleveland Heights.

The club presently has seven victories against only one loss and that to Hawken. The first singles spot has been occupied by Roger Kirtz as well as Chris Outlaw, both members of the Class of '85. When asked about his game this year, Kirtz stated, "I feel that my game is lacking in sharpness right now, but I'm aiming to be ready for states." Kirtz and Outlaw have compiled identical records of six and two.

The team feels that they are even stronger than their fine reputation infers as a result of individual improvement during the off season.

The first doubles spot is filled by Lawrence Antoine and team morale booster Emilio Llinas, both seniors and looking to finish their final year here with great success on the court. The second position doubles slot has not been decided. Other key players include seniors Bryan Pappas and Matt McNulty, and sophomore Paul Davis. Filling in for varsity matches is junior Neil Luria.

Shaker plays ten home matches this year on the courts across from the baseball diamond. Home matches begin at 4:00 P.M. Featured on Shaker's home court this season are the sectionals for the state tournament. Coach Al Slawson is hoping for many of his players to appear in this tournament.

The Red Raider tennis team is expected to play consistent winning tennis. Their competitive spirit and fine skills should carry them to yet another successful season. Be a part of Shaker's winning tradition and watch these athletes in action. Your support could help boost Shaker's tennis team all the way to the L E L. title.

Softballers' hearts help them succeed

by Nicole Donnelly

Another fantastic season of Shaker softball has just begun. The girls' softball team got off to a winning start with the opening game against Madison on Apr. 14. The next games, which were played against Cleveland Heights, Parma, and Shaw, were also victories. The team's one loss was to Lakewood. However, the softball team looks forward to defeating them with a home-team advantage and more extensive practices. Other upcoming games are Garfield, Cleveland Heights, and Shaw High

Shaker's victories are well deserved as the team practices catching fly balls, fielding, batting, and other basic drills seven days a week for two hours. The coach, Ernest Welsch, feels that the team has a great deal of experience, as well as team spirit. He feels that these essentials could lead Shaker all the way to the districts.

In order to maintain the high level of spirit that the team presently has, Ernest Welsch developed a theme for showing that the "Shaker softball team has a lot of heart." After each game, the team members vote on those individuals who were the Most Valuable Players and who made the most outstanding plays. Those individuals receive hearts for their performances in the game. Everybody on the team receives a heart for fulfilling certain requirements, one of which is winning. This has been proven to be a challenging and exciting system as there have been different individuals elected for each game.

Come and see this team battle to victory against their next opponent!

McRae's Message

by Bill McRae

Many students and teachers I have encountered in the classes and hallways have expressed an appreciation and an aura of bewilderment of how I set the record straight on many controversial sports topics. They fail to realize that it is mainly through common sense and a skillful narration that paints the picture so vividly. As a result, I have dedicated another column to a sports topic which has nearly every sports fan in stitches.

The other day, while watching a U.S.F.L. football game, I came to the conclusion that it has a very slim chance of succeeding. As in the past, I will prove my thesis by refuting any argument a pro U.S.F.L. person might have.

Argument: It's exciting!

Response: Watching a U S F L game is about as exciting as watching nails rust. That is evidenced by the pathetic television ratings that the games have received the past year. The attendance figures resemble those of a Cavalier basketball game.

Argument: The players' overall talent is comparable to that of those in the N.F.L.

Response: When Cliff Stoudt, who couldn't hit the side of a barn in Pittsburgh, leads his team to seven consecutive victories, it is obvious that the league's talent pool is in a deep recession. Though players like Herschal Walker, Marcus DuPree, Brian Sipe, and Steve Young add credibility to the young league, it still is not near an N F L level.

Argument: Its players are counting on its success.

Response: Steve Young, who has a 40,000,000 dollar contract, had hardly got his pants dirty before announcing the league would fold and merge its best teams with the N F L. If that is any indication of an average U.S.F.L. player's attitude, the league has a slim chance, if any, of surviving.

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